GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department -Special Package of relief measures for Agricultural Sector - Installation of Copra dryer- Revised Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (NCA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.131/03/AD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 23.7.03

Read: (1) G.O.(MS)No.74/03/AD. dated 29.3.2003.

(2) Letters No. TM(2)- 11149/2003 dated 16.5.03 from the Director of Agriculture

(3) Minus of the meeting held by the Minister (Agriculture & Coir) at 4.P.M. on 23.6.2003.

(4) Letters No. TM(2)- 11149/2003 dated 8.7.03 from the Director of Agriculture.

ORDER

In the G.O. read above, revised Administrative Sanction was accorded for the implementation of the scheme for installation of Copra dryers under the Special Package of relief measures declared by the State Government in February 2002 vide G.O.(MS) 31/02/AD dated 18.2.2002.

2. Subsequently, the Director of Agriculture, vide his letter read as second paper, requested the Government to revise the unit cost of copra dryers including the cost of fabrication, supply and erection of light roofed shed of size 7000 mm x 5000 mm and also working capital for processing nuts by each unit.

3. The Government considered the request of the Director of Agriculture and all other relevant aspects involved. A meeting was also held by the Minister (Agriculture & Coir) with all concerned on 23.6.2003. In pursuance of the decisions taken at the said meeting, the Director of Agriculture has forwarded to the Government, revised proposals vide his letter read as 4th paper above. The Government have examined the proposal in detail and pleased to accord revised administrative sanction for implementation of the scheme as detailed below:

(i) Objectives:

a) Production of good quality copra at the farm level

b) To help the small and marginal farmers to get remunerative prices for their produce

c) To generate more employment opportunities to women

d) To promote improve methods of copra making.

(ii) Capacity and number of units Sanctioned:

In the first phase, 150 Nos. of copra dryers of different capacity as shown below will be installed in Blocks selected by PAO's with not more than three units in a Block.

(i) Dryers of capacity 5000 nuts/day : 30

(ii) Dryers of capacity 3000 nuts/day : 40

(iii) Dryers of capacity 2000 nuts/day : 80

Highrange areas, where the availability of nuts is not sufficient to run the units viably, will be omitted;

(iii) To whom dryers are to be allotted:

The dryers are to be given to selected women Self Help Groups, Constituted and registered under the Charitable Societies Act. Required byelaws will be prepared and supplied by the Director of Agriculture. for becoming eligible, the groups should posses sufficient area (2-3 cents) for installing and running the dryers. The principle Agricultural Officers (PAOs) will invite applications from Self Help

Groups and selection will be done at the District level. Priority will be given to Self Help Groups already engaged in processing of coconuts and its products.

(iv) Implementation:

The Self Help Groups selected by the principal Agricultural Officers will enter in to an agreement with the Principal Agricultural Officers for the proper working, utilisation and maintenance of the dryers allotted to them. The cost of dryers, the cost of workshed and 20% of working capital will be met by the Government. Accordingly, the financial commitment on the part of the Government for each unit of different capacity will be as under:

For 1 unit of 5000 nuts capacity:

1. Cost of Keragro Copra Dryer of 5000 nuts capacity	:	Rs.75,000/-
2. Cost of shed (7000 mm x 5000 mm)		Rs.35,000/-
3. 20% working capital		Rs.5,000/-
Total	:	Rs.1,15,000/-

For a copra dryer having 3000 nuts capacity:

1. Cost of drier	Rs.65,000/-
2. Cost of shed	Rs.35,000/-
3. 20% working capital	Rs.3,000/-
Total	Rs. 1,03,000/-

Copra dryer having 2000 nuts capacity:

1. Cost of dryer	Rs.40,000/-
2. Cost of shed	Rs.35,000/-
3. 20% working capital	Rs,2,000/-
Total	Rs.77,000/-

The balance 80% of the working capital will be met by the Self Help Groups themselves, for which concerned Principal Agricultural Officers may arrange credit linking facility with Service- Co-operative Banks/Commercial Banks. The cost sheet for the dryers to be installed as per this G.O. is appended. The KAICO will supply the following items also free of cost.

Dehusker	:	2 Nos.
Vettukathy	:	2 Nos.
Moisture meter	:	1 No.
Kutta (Basket)	:	2 Nos.
Turpaulin	:	1 No.

iv) The dryer will be installed by KAICO on turnkey basis and impart training to operate them. The cost of dryers will be disbursed to KAICo only after commissioning the units.

(v) The KERAFED shall procure the copra produced by the Women Self Help Groups and an MOU in that regard will be sent signed between the Director of Agriculture and the Managing Director, KERAFED.

(vi) The scheme will be monitored by the Additional Director of Agriculture (South Zone) and Director of Marketing at the State level and Assistant Director (Marketing) at District level.

(vii) The total expenditure from Government funds will be Rs.1,37,30,000/- (Rupees one Crore thirty seven lakhs and thirty thousand only). The expenditure will be met from the amount available for the purpose with the TSB Account of the Director of Agriculture under the Head of Account : '2401-00-103-87'.

(viii) Government are also pleased to sanction the release of Rs.50 lakhs (Rupees fifty lakhs only) as advance to KAICO for starting fabrication of the required number of units , to be adjusted against final payment.

(ix) These orders are issued in supercession of the G.O. read as first paper.

By order of the Governor
M.VISWAMONY,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To

The Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram.
All Principal Agricultural Officers.
Registrar, Co-operative Soceities.
The Managing Director, The Kerala Agro Industries Corporation Ltd., Kissan Jyothi, Fort, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Managing Director, Kerafed, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Accountant General (A& E)/Audit) Thiruvananthapuram.
The Finance Department (This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department
Vide G.O.No.71194/AW C1/03/Fin dt.22.7.03)
Planning and Economic, Affairs Department
Deputy Secretary (Establishment) (Nodal Officer for Secretariat WAN)
PS to Minister (A&C)
PA to Agricultural Production Commissioner
CA to Additional Secretary
OC/S/F.

Forwarded / By order
Sd/-
Under Secretary.
Section Officer.

ANNEXURE

COST SHEET FOR COPRA DRYER

Copra Dryer Capacity Overall diamensions (shed)		Cost Rs.	Shed with Storage facility Rs.	20% W.C. Rs.	Total Rs.	80% W.C.	Total Rs.
5000 nuts	7000 mm x 5000 mm	75,000	35,000	5,000	1,15,000	20,000	1,35,000
3000 nuts	7000 mm x 5000 mm	65,000	35,000	8,000	1,03,000	12,000	1,15,000
2000 nuts	7000 mm x 5000 mm	40,000	35,000	2,000	77,000	8,000	85,000